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A Publication, ora Declaration of the Lords of the

Councells Order for the Needle-makers in his Maiesties Dominions.



At Whitehall the XX. of Ianuary. Anno. 1 6 2 3.

Present,

Lord Keeper, &c.
Lord President.
Lord Marquis Hamilton.
Earle Marshall.
Lord Chamberlaine.

Lord Viscount Grandison.
Lord Carew.
Lord Chichester.
Master Treasurer.
Master Secretarie Caluert.

The Master of the Rolles.

Whereas certificate hath bin made unto the Boarde, subscribed by the Lord Maior of the Cittie of London and the Aldermen his Brethren, whereby it appeareth that an Engine hath lately been set up for the making of Needles, which hath proued very dangerous, to be wrought with all, for the spoiling and maiming of the Kings liege Subiects, and that the vse thereof is very dangerous, and hath depriued great numbers of poore people of their meanes and liuelihood in these late times of scarcitie, who formerly could get their liuing by the Art of Needle-making: and lastly, that those who worke with the said Engine, doe employ much bad stufte, to the defrauding of all such as buy the Needles made therewith.

In regard whereof, the Lord Maior and Aldermen hauing used all meanes to cause the parties working with the said Engine and bad stufte, to appeare before them to answer these seuerall points: they notwithstanding withdrew themselves into unknowne places, or else vtterly refuse to make answer to what may be objected against them.

Their Lordships vpon due consideration of the premises haue thought fit, and accordingly ordered that the said Engine, with such deceitfull Needles, shall from henceforth be vtterly suppressed, not onely in the Cittie of London, but in all his Maiesties Dominions, in whose hands soeuer they be found, to be seized and defaced, if no cause be shewed to the contrary by Wednesday next, which will be the twenty eight of this present Ianuary. And what is thought meete, and ordered by their Lordships that the prices of Needles shall be no greater then they haue bene sold these last twentie yeares, nor the Needles, workmanship, or stufte, be of no lesse goodnes, but of Steele. And lastly it is ordered, that if notwithstanding the prohibition of the foresaid Engine and bad Needles, if any person or persons shall presume to vse the said Engine or base stufte, or in any other maner disobay this Order, the partie or parties so offending may be apprehended and carried before the next Justice, in whose hands soeuer they be found, to haue such punishment as their contempt shall be found to deserue.

I. Dickenson.

God saue the King,

